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SUBJECT: FONMIN NAFFA'S LETTER TO SECRETARY

1. LEBANESE EMBASSY HAS TRANSMITTED MESSAGE TO SECRETARY FROM FOREIGN MINISTER NAFFA DATED AUGUST 18 EXPRESSING PLEASURE AT THE MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE DELEGATIONS OF TWO COUNTRIES AT SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATE ON DIVERSION OF LEBANESE AIRLINER. TEXT FOLLOWS: QUOTE: MY DEAR MR. SECRETARY: I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS TO YOU MY SATISFACTION AND PLEASURE FOR THE MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING WHICH PREVAILED BETWEEN THE DELEGATIONS OF OUR TWO COUNTRIES IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL ON THE OCCASION OF THE COMPLAINT LODGED BY LEBANON AGAINST ISRAEL REGARDING THE INCIDENT OF THE HIJACKING OF THE LEBANESE PLANE.

THIS MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING REFLECTS ONCE MORE THE LONG-STANDING CORDIAL RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES WHICH
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I HOPE WILL BE CONSOLIDATED IN THE FUTURE IN THE INTEREST

OF BOTH THE LEBANESE AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLES.

I ALSO HOPE THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL SPARE NO EFFORTS
TO REACH A JUST SOLUTION TO THE MIDDLE EAST PROBLEM, THUS
ELIMINATING THE DIFFICULTIES THAT BESET US ALL AND
SECURING STABILITY AND PROSPERITY IN THE AREA.
FOUAD NAFFAH, MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. END QUOTE.

2. AMBASSADOR SHOULD TAKE APPROPRIATE OPPORTUNITY TO
ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF LETTER BY SECRETARY AND EXPRESS
THANKS AND APPRECIATION. RUSH

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